15.000 Marriage Knots Tied Every Year in N. Y.'s Own Little Chapel

NEARLY ONE-THIRD OF 42,000 LICENSES FOLLOWED BY WEDDINGS AT THE BUREAU

Mr. CRUISE Starts Most of These Voyages on the Sea of Matrimony-Mr. HART Is Appealed to for the Marriage Licenses-And at the Head of All City Clerk Scully Watches Romance With a Fatherly Eye.

By Edith Biggs
Copyright, 1918, by The Frees Publishing Co. (The New York Evening World). wedding bells graced the Municipal Building, chimes would ring out from morning till night for the thousands of people who are married there, who come unceasingly in pairs, day after day, to obtain the benefit of the short, simple ceremony and low fees. New York, as a wedding centre, takes the wedding cake. Having achieved a record of tesuing 42,000 licenses per year, it leads in romance as well as in industry. One-third of the weddings each year take place in the little chapel upstairs; 15,000 times the ceremony is performed each year for 15,000

Sixty-one couples obtained their records for the day, but the total Lieutenants, an Ensign, two soldiers

marriage licenses at the Municipal and married a pretty little journalist, Building last Friday, according to the and besides these there were two other



BRIDAL RAIMENT IS VARIED AND INTERESTING

plerk, who finds that performing by arriving late in the afternoon. ing ceremonies is a profession

P. J. Scully, who has been City the crowds of people who come to the

shose hearts have been pierced by Municipal Building. who, therefore when the institution was first opened a number as 400. There are many other clerks, all of Couples of foreign birth in most

would have been much higher except and a sailor who obtained their for the old superstition about Fri- licenses to be married in other places anything immodest about me?" day, Most of these were married in in New York. A newspaper man and

Bridal raiment was most interesthat continues unceasingly, regard- ing, varying from pale blue satin in one of war, or the high cost of living latest mode to the very cheapest of costumes. Most of the bridegrooms and reach clear to her ankles. were well dressed, but there were several applicants for licenses who similar to our middles came just Clerk since 1895, is in general charge. had not considered the occasion of over her hips and over this she but Mr. Cruise performs many of the sufficient importance to wear a col-slipped a khaki jacket with a belted aremonies, or rather, he performs lar. Several young girls and their effect. Her feet were clad in tan, the same ceremony many times for beaux were profoundly chewing their round toed shoes with a military

take up the yoke and enter the realm preference for wedding at the Little trousers, displayed itself in a touch Church Around the Corner, Only of blue. The harleys were bound How romantic it is that those about one-third are married at the with blue braid and trimmed with

Records show that application to a man named Hart-E. censes having been issued in 1809 and of the same shade of blue in emdesire a marriage license, may make of the place is increasing, 29,000 li- scheme. Her smock also hore traces Hart-who fully comprehends 42,000 last year. The number of ap- broidered initials. their affliction, having held his posi- pilcants per day varies from 150 to tion as clerk in charge since 1908, 200, and occasionally reaches as high

whom are always busy writing out, cases are usually married in the shirred along the outer seam. At the filing out the application blanks for chapel, but after the ceremony they base they measure 16 inches.



morning, and continue to come until their own synagogues or churches.

There is always plenty of work for is a list of "stops," names of persons However, she need not choose khaki the two interpreters whose duty it is for whom licenses are not to be issued. for her material; she may have serge to determine whether Mrs. Sczmyczk If Romeo and Juliet are not of age or broadcloth, satin or silk, or any approves of her daughter's marriage, the parents may stop the marriage by of the new fabrics. And as to Foreign parents frequently become so fling an objection. An irate mother blouses she may have cerise or any long to her, excited that they begin to say either arrived breathless at the desk of the color she loves. I believe in every "yes" or "no" and continue to make the clerk in charge Friday. "Has a li- woman keeping her feminine love of thought was perfectly beautiful." same reply to all the questions on the cense been issued to ---- and my color and frills and furbelows, but I said Miss Harley, "but the next time application blank, even saying "no" daughter, --- ?" she demanded. hate to see her encase her limbs in I met her I wondered why my first when asked if they approve of the "Have they been in here within the skirts as the Chinese used to bind impressions were that she was so marriage. It is the duty of the in- last hour?" After looking through their feet. terpreters to unravel all misunder- the pile of licenses for the day, she "Now when a woman wants to go tively ugly, and then it dawned upon standings and to spell correctly all was assured that they had not called to the matines or to an afternoon re- me, 'she is wearing a different hat names that must appear on the appli- at the clerk's office. "Then I'll wait coption or just to take a stroll down and gown." The first time it was in cation blanks, this being a feat that for them," she decided, her eyes snap- Fifth Avenue, what prettier gows can the spring and she were a chic little only the most skilled can accomplish. ping. She scated herself near the she desire than this?" asked Miss mushroom shape which hid an enor-

an "observer," a handsome Lieuten- with enthusiasm.

Magroes, Mr. Scully has discovered, door and kept a constant vigil Harley, making a lightning change mously large nose and brought out have less superstition about Friday foroughout the afternoon, but - from her khaki harleys to a pair of her best lines, the next time it was many other nationalities and and - did not appear upon the peacock bive slik ones. These har- in mid-summer and she had changed

""Harleys' for Housewives and Business Girls"

WOULD MEAN MORE EFFICIENCY, SAYS THEIR INVENTOR

Wear 'Em to Work, Walk Instead of Hobble, Get Around Better, Have Comfort and Ease and Health-And Put Skirts on Bow-Legged, Knock-Kneed and Pigeon-Toed Men

A BUSINESS GIRL

COULD GET ON

AND OFF CARS

By Fay Stevenson

Copyright, 1919, by The Press Publishing Co. (The New York Evening World) OUNG Ladies of the Business Brigade, stop wearing decollete blouses and tight skirts. Be modest and wear trousers! Now, don't all blush and gasp until you finish reading what SORT of trousers

Dr. Mary Walker wore men's clothes several years ago, but they were so very, very masculine that no typically feminine woman wanted to don them. Now we have Miss Fannie Harley, who has come on from the West and dazzles us all by walking down Fifth Avenue in a contume of white serge trousers, or harleys, as she prefers to call them, spelled with a small "h." But call them what you please, there is absolutely nothing masculine about them, for they are made of silks, cretonnes and challis, and trimmed with marabout, chiffons, but-

"I don't advocate trousers for all other women," Miss Harley told me, as we sat in her room at the McAlpin, surrounded by the most feminine

they were cut in two pieces instead of woman who has worn skirts all her to jump into a pair of harleys and walk right out before the public. But at the same time I think my harleys wice as modest with their round necked smocks and coatees as the decoilete blouses and ridiculously tight skirts I see. For instance, if were a business girl, say a stenographer in an office where there were number of men, I would much rather appear in a pair of harleys and onof my smocks than in the sleeveless. backless, ankle-binding dresses se many young women wear. Is there Miss Harley stood up and let me

the chapel of the Municipal Building his blushing bride obtained a license survey her from head to foot. She Mr. Michael J. Cruise, deputy without the knowledge of their friends is tall and slender, with the firm and supple form of one who has lived much in the open. She wore what she terms her "utility" harleys, which are made of khaki soutache

A little white linen smock very heel. But Miss Harley's love of the Municipal Building each day eager to People from out of the city have a feminine, despite her preference for big blue bone buttons. All of Miss Harley's clothes match

> I was forced to admit her harleys do not display her figure as much as the present day tight skirts would. They are loose over the hips and

"Your modern skirts are one-legged trousers, mine are two," she laughed as she strutted about the room in a free and lively manner unhampered by swaddling clothes. "Now see how much better a business girl could get on and off cars, and elevators and go and corridor to corridor. And the decidedly Parislan touch. housewife could be so much more efficient about her work if she could walk instead of having to hobble. Nurses and waitresses, all women

the room, "best I know right well On the desk of the clerk in charge it is not dressy enough for her.

beautiful, for this time she was poslcome on that day as on any other. Sometimes the entire family comes to the Municipal Building to attend to the Wedding ceremony of a girl or cause on that day being Italians. Jewish couples come on Saturday because they have a half day off from their work and need not lose time. An air of dignity is maintained in the clerk's office and in the chapel in the eliminating a reduction in their pay check.

Many people of prominence obtain their lucky to the Municipal Building to attend to the Municipal Building to attend to the Municipal Building to attend designs than the others. And they played all her worst points, especially to a large flat hat which openly Bistons to the Municipal Building to attend to the Municipal Building to attend designs than the others. And they played all her worst points, especially to a large flat hat which openly Bistons to the Municipal Building to attend the wedding ceremony of a girl or played all her worst points, especially that large nose. Now, if that buttons which are heirlooms of Miss Harley's. Her blouse is of crepe metals to the hips and a dainty ruche of the hips and a dainty ruche o kys are shirred in even more artistic to a large flat hat which openly distheir licenses here and frequently are short and simple but is impressively married in the little chapel upstairs. Priday, while I was visiting the bureau other, which in most instances is done helricom buttons. A dainty pair of to it. black valvet pumps and a walking "And now if I want

back and forth from desk to desk stick complete this frock, giving it a dandy and go to a dance or a social affair I have this." Another light- my place, would you go back? If you are wondering about Miss ning change and Miss Harley stood Harley's hats, they are all the same before me in a pink chiffon over ism, we love expression, we abhor shape, and she has a different one for pink satin. The harleys were not suppression. each pair of harleys. She is her own only shirred but slit just the tinest | Chains are abominable. We are formilliner as well as her own designer bit and lace inserted. The smock ever fighting fate and fetters of traso much better in harleys. Oh, how and dressmaker. And the reason she was trimmed with cabachon and dition, custom, sometimes law. We'll always wears her hats and gowns strands of pearls in motifs, in fact battle with our dying breath against made from the same model is be- there were 50 feet of pearls and 17 tyrants parental or governmentally appropriate rig for the business cause she insists that when a woman of cabachon. So you see harleys, or against every and any enemy that as soon as the office is opened in the religious services to be conducted at girl," she continued, walking about finds that she looks well in a certain trousers, can be worn and one still would crush or stifle our individuality,

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style of hat or suit she should always retain an enormous portion of fein- our personality, our freedom. keep that standardized style for her- ininity. self. She may change in material and color scheme as much as her nature demands, but she should appreciate what lines and angles beenough."

"One time I met a lady whom I

"A large cape or a big overcoat with an artistic cape collar is what I always wear," was Miss Harley's immediate reply. "I think the dolman and cape about the only graceful garment that women of to-day

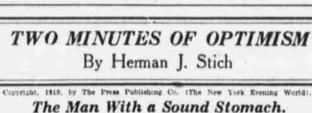
point of view I would put all slender, love Uncle Sam's country. For here, "If I had my way from an artistic willowy women in harleys and many all the lanes, all the byways and all the men in skirts!"

"But why in skirts?" "Well," continued Miss Harley between her giggles, "once I stood on a and to both do we earnestly and sinpublic corner and watched the men cerely say "may the better man win." file by and of all the knock knees, bow legs and pigeon toes that were displayed I decided that they ought to hide under petticoats and give us a chance to don trousers.

"But there is one thing I don't like about the woman who slips into a pair of trousers," added Miss Harley, "and that is she must avoid all mas-culine attitudes, keep her hands out of her nockets and not smoke cigar-ettes. My idea of harleys is for com-fort and case and health, but I think woman ought to be as feminine

MOULD BE MORE EFFICIENT HARLEY

FANCY "HARLEYS" FOR



slaves to escape from their plan- tinacity will carry it. tations and later appear before the We have no masters, we have no bar of courts in States where they trammels. Neither class nor caste, in-law clause. Wives claim mother-

had sought refuge.

plantation?" asked a Judge of a miser- word; and if sometimes we do not ap- once a year is too often, same as the able runaway slave. "You will be preciate and say thanks for our bless- tax bill. Wives' Union is now arbitreated so much better there than you ing it is only because we have so long trating the point. Will decide whether will be as a free negro in the North." enjoyed it, it has become part of us, wife's mother or hubby's mother-in-"that may be so. But if you were in stomach we do not know we have it. 'year.

We love freedom, we love individual-

Instinctively we take to the employer "But what about coats for cold who asks us to "please do this," who weather?" I asked. "Those little wonders if we would be "good enough" contees to your khaki and peacock to do that. We naturally co-operate blue silk suits would not be warm with the man who mixes courtesy, gentility and sympathy with authority. Also we can't help that inimical feeling and aversion toward him who even though rightfully, shortly or sharply commands. We'll gladly agree to do twice as much as we grudgingly do when ordered.

We hate masters-which is why we highways are open to all. Here son of peasant and son of potentae pilot with equal opportunity their ship of state

> THE MEAN OLD THING. I UB-Well, 1 takes two to



quarrel, so I will shut up. Wife-That is just like a con temptible man You will sit there and think mean

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The Wives' Union



By Neal R. O'Hara

walk out too. Husbands plan to walk sympathy for them. along Broadway till they find a suitable scab,

ally with a rolling pin. Wives' Union bills are paid. Always thought is a new wrinkle, and the wrinkle wives got 100 per cent. Wives appears on husband's brow. It's a also demand right of free speech and good bet when the wives walk out an eight-hour day. Husbands willthey'll leave a sink full of dishes!

union at the altar-now has to foin the Wives' Union. When they call strike, bride will have a bawl. Bride that joins the strike on her honeymoon will not only walk out-Reports at union headquarters state

June brides are leading strike movement. J. B's are just discovering will also stipulate that wives may there's been a failure of the bonbon crop and that Handsome Harold is furnishing the house with excuses instead of furniture. June Brides have also discovered that Monday is wash day and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are hash days. June Brides are like the souses-they've had to get along without a lot of things since the first of July.

Wives' strike will be complicating. When a wife strikes, she'll go home to mother. And when she gets home she'll find that mother has struck! If she stays and helps out father, mother'll call her a scab. If she go? Striking wives will find the Gives hubbles a chance to celebrate hotels filled up-that's where the husbands are going to go as soon as the gone. wives walk out.

And it's going to be tough on a mother-in-law had better walk out too-safety first!

Copyright, 1919, by The Press Publishing Co. (The New York Evening World). ATEST news in this peaceful | When they go on strike, wives country is that they're gonna should use head-work and stall off have a Wives' Union. Hus- the strikebreakers. Wiscst move bands all upset, and strike- would be to have the Chorus Girls' breakers are being recruited. When Union strike in sympathy with the the wives walk out, husbands will wives. Even if they haven't any

Demands of the Wives' Union are moderate. Wives ask 50 per cent. Wives have struck before, but usu- of husbands' earnings after the house ing to give 'em both demands if New union's going to be tough on they'll do their free-speeching and newlyweds. Bride's just joined one eight hours at one and the same time-which is while hubby's away. Speech of all the wives we know has

not only been free but frequent. Another demand is a two weeks vacation for wife each summer. Husbands demur at two wooksthink it ought to be four. May ins'st on that minimum. Husbands go anywhere they please on their vacations so long as they GO!

Two hats a year is another point. Must be a catch in this one. Woman that's satisfied with two hats a year am't in this part of the country. She's where they wear the same style halo the year round and have their wings furnished free.

Husbands are willing to concede everything but the last clause. Clause specifies the right of wife to entertain her mother at least one month in the year. Husbands would all pick February, only it's twenty-eight days too November's a second choice. long. Thanksgiving after mother-in-law has

Hubs aren't really afraid of a strike -not if the union uses pickets. Gomether-in-law if she's visiting ing to be pretty soft for a guy to find daughter when daughter goes on a neighbor's wife on his front steps strike. When daughter walks out, when he comes home from work. Or maybe on the back steps. Husband's going to sit right down and talk the matter over. And over and over again! Picket idea looks like the best part of the strike threat.

Husbands now plan their own union Husbands will demand 50 per cent. of their own earnings after the house ills are paid. Hubs will also insist that their wives have a vacation two weeks every MONTH! Wives will have free speech while hubs are at the N the days immediately preceding Each can carry his banner only as far office; can also have an eight-hour, the Civil War it was common for as native talent and ambition and per- day. Hubs figure they'll gain three hours a day on this arrangement.

Only point of dispute is the motherneither creed nor breed impedes merit. in-law clause comes only once a year, "Why don't you go back to your We're free in every better sense of the same as Santa Claus. But hubs claim "Well," answered the runaway, and like the man with a sound law shall visit 'em one month in the

Correct Dress Chart for Bous

INFORMAL DAY DRESS. Public School and General Day Wear:

Age 3 to 8 Years-Sailor suit, regulation shirt or jumper, long or short trousers to match coat, tam or sailor hat, black handkerchief tie, white hosiery, white buckskin shoes, reefer or trench overcoat.

8 to 15 Years-Sack or Norfolk suit, waistcoat to match coat, knickers or long trousers to match coat, cloth hat or cap, fancy soft shirt with soft cuffs, fancy four-in-hand tie, fold collar, black liste hosiery, black or brown boots, military, belted or slip-on overcoat. ashionable Private School:

8 to 15 Years-Eton jacket, waistcoat to match, grey striped trousers. derby or fiannet hat of school colors, fancy, soft, plain or pleated shirt with soft cuffs, four-in-hand tie of black or school colors, Eton ! collar, black silk hosiery, patent leather or dull calf pumps, military,

belted or slip-on overcoat,

FORMAL DAY DRESS.

Weddings. Receptions, Parties, Church, Opera, Dancing School:

10 to 15 Years-Blue jacket, blue waistcoat and knickers or long trousers to match coat, black derby or cloth hat, white, plain or pleated stiff ' shirt with single or double stiff cuffs, solid color four-in-hand tie, fold or Eton collar, black silk hosiery, patent leather boots or pumps, Russian overcoat.

FORMAL EVENING DRESS. Weddings, Dinners, Dances:

10 to 15 Years-Tuxedo coat, knickers or long trousers to match, plack or white waistcoat, black derby, white pleated pique shirt with double stiff cuffs, black silk bow tie, fold collar, black silk hosiery, patent 'cather pumps, Russian overcoat.

SPORTS AND COUNTRY DRESS. Sports and Country:

8 to 15 Years-Knit, heather or black-and-white check sport coat and waistcoat, trousers to match or white flannel or white duck, cloth hat or cap, soft shirt and cuffs, fancy four-in-hand tie, stockings or golf hose, brown boots, belted overcoat,

S to 15 Years-Riding cout, Tattersall waistcont, breeches to match coat, soft hat or cap to match suit, soft shirt and cuffs, striped four-inhand tie, spiral or leather puttees, brown boots.

(Boys from 15 to 18 years of age follow the same dress usage as men.) (Coppeight, 1918, by "The Boy's Outliner," New York,)